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1. Zivojna coal mine is located in the village of Zivojna, Bitolj District, near the Greek border. It produces about one hundred tons of brown coal with a calorific value of 4,000 calories. This coal is consumed in the region of Bitolj, Resan, and Frilep. If current production rates are maintained, reserves are estimated to last approximately fifty years. New shafts are needed, but there is no machinery available for this work.
2. Equipment at Zivojna:
 - a. Forty hand-operated cars, with a capacity of 800 kilograms.
 - b. Electric power to operate one ventilator, one water pump, and to provide part-time illumination for the workers' quarters, is supplied by a truck adapted to serve as a dynamo.
 - c. A 0.60 gauge railway goes between the mine and the standard gauge line at Kremenica. The mine operated three engines and twenty cars which are in fair condition.
 - d. All underground work and transportation is accomplished by hand.
3. Working Conditions:
 - a. The working day consists of three eight hour shifts of twenty-five men each. A total of one hundred men are employed at the mine.
 - b. Workers' salaries are 170 dinars a day, and coupons issued for clothing are insufficient for necessities.
 - c. The mine owns its own land, so that food is fairly good, although rations of vegetables and starches are insufficient, and no food is available in the nearby villages. Miners are allowed one kilogram of bread daily, 8.5 kilograms of meat and 1.5 kilograms of fat monthly. Although the administrative personnel has lower allowances, according to their position, they actually receive equal rations in the mess, so that the amounts for heavy workers are decreased.

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- d. The mine buildings consist of eight one-story buildings for workers, one building for the bakery and cooperative store, and one building for the mess and kitchen. The head of the mine, a Communist from Zivojna, and the local militia are quartered in one of these buildings.
- e. There are no engineers at the mine, [REDACTED]
- f. Although there is no forced labor at the mines, worker morale is very low, and members of the Communist Party are avoided by the other workers.

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